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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: SECURITY COUNCIL DEVELOPMENTS

1. THE SITUATION AT THE UNITED NATIONS JULY 25 WAS
MARKED BY GROWING CONFUSION REGARDING SWAPO'S POSITION
ON THE FIVE'S PROPOSAL AND ON WALVIS BAY. IN STATEMENTS
TO THE UN COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA, THE AFRICAN GROUP, AND
INDIVIDUAL AFRICAN REPRESENTATIVES, SWAPO PRESIDENT
NUJOMA APPARENTLY HAS STATED THAT AT THE LUANDA TALKS
HE HAD ACCEPTED THE WALVIS BAY RESOLUTION ONLY AS A
WORKING PAPER; THAT THE WALVIS BAY RESOLUTION IS OPEN
TO AMENDMENT, AND SUGGESTIONS FOR "IMPROVEMENT" ARE
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WELCOME; AND THAT SWAPO HAS NOT AGREED TO THE GENERAL
ENABLING RESOLUTION ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSAL.
THE LATTER RESOLUTION, HE BELIEVES, MUST BE EXPANDED TO
ENUNCIATE THE ROLE OF THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE. COM-
PLETING HIS LOSS OF MEMORY OF THE LUANDA TALKS,
NUJOMA HOLDS THAT THE RESIDUAL SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS
SHOULD BE LOCATED AT ONE BASE. (NUJOMA TOLD TANZANIAN

AMBASSADOR SALIM THAT THE FIVE HAD ASSURED HIM IN LUANDA THAT THEY WOULD OBTAIN SOUTH AFRICA'S AGREEMENT TO LOCATE THE TROOPS AT ONE BASE.)

2. SALIM IS FURIOUS WITH NUJOMA'S STATEMENTS AND HAS CALLED TANZANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MKAPA TO REQUEST HIS PRESENCE. (MKAPA WILL ARRIVE WEDNESDAY.) PASCUAL LUVUALU, THE LEADER OF THE ANGOLAN DELEGATION, IS SIMILARLY UPSET WITH SWAPO. HE ASSURED AMBASSADOR MCHENRY THAT HE WOULD GET TOGETHER WITH SWAPO AND STRAIGHTEN THINGS OUT. HE ADDED FIRMLY, "WE CANNOT HAVE SWAPO RUINING THE SPIRIT OF LUANDA". ZAMBIAN PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR MARK CHONA, WHO SAT NEXT TO SALIM AT AFRICA GROUP MEETINGS, IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN AMAZED AT NUJOMA'S PERFORMANCE.

3. SALIM CALLED AMBASSADOR MCHENRY LATE TODAY TO SUGGEST THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL NOT MEET UNTIL THURSDAY SO THAT WEDNESDAY COULD BE DEVOTED TO BEHIND-THE-SCENES DISCUSSIONS. HE REPEATED HIS EXASPERATION BUT ARGUED FOR PATIENCE, NOTING THAT THE STAKES ARE TOO HIGH TO GIVE IN TO THE LATEST TACTICS BY EITHER SWAPO OR SOUTH AFRICA. SALIM'S INCLINATION IS SIMILAR TO OUR OWN AND, IN FACT, ONLY INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS HAD BEEN PLANNED FOR WEDNESDAY, DUE TO, AMONG OTHER REASONS, THE SCHEDULED ARRIVAL OF FOREIGN MINISTERS.
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4. WITH REGARD TO THE TRAVEL PLANS OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE OTHER FOUR MEMBERS OF THE FIVE, WE UNDERSTAND THAT ALL FOUR SHARE SECRETARY VANCE'S VIEW THAT THE PRESENCE OF THE FIVE FOREIGN MINISTERS MIGHT BE HELPFUL IN LIGHT OF PIK BOTHA'S IMPENDING ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK. (BOTHA IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE AT 1:30 P.M. JULY 26.) THE LATEST INFORMATION ON THEIR PLANS FOLLOWS:

OWEN: SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE AT 1:35 P.M. JULY 26.

JAMIESON: SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE AT 4:00 P.M. JULY 26.

DE GUIRINGAUD: SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE AT 8:45 A.M. JULY 27.

GENSCHER: TRAVEL PLANS NOT YET FIRM.

5. COMMENT: WE ASSUME THAT NUJOMA IS SIMPLY TRYING TO MAKE A LAST EFFORT TO GET A MORE FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT. HE IS FINDING A RECEPTIVE AUDIENCE IN THE FORM OF UNINSTRUCTED AND PAROCHIAL AFRICAN CHARGES AND ONE SELF-

SERVING AND MISCHIEVOUS AMBASSADOR FROM MARITIUS (RAMPHUL).
WITH THE PRESENCE OF SALIM AND LUVUALU AND THE IMPENDING
ARRIVAL OF MKAPA WE HOPE THAT THE FRONTLINE CAN SUCCESS-
FULLY TURN SWAPO AROUND. MKAPA IS CERTAIN TO BE AT
LEAST AS INCENSED AS THE OTHERS. END COMMENT. YOUNG

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